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How It Changes Everything!

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Do You Have an Appointment? Acts 8:26-40

God's Purpose – Mat 28:19-20, God's Power – Acts 1:8, God's Plan – Psalm 68:31

1. Sharing the Gospel is not always **convenient**, easy or comfortable. (v 26 & 30)
2. The credibility of the Gospel is not dependent upon your **prominence**, but your **humble confidence and obedience** will show fruit that gives testimony to its credibility.
3. Evangelism is not reserved for theologians and pastors, but for **everyone** in the priesthood of the believers. (1Pt 2:5-10)
4. We are to **come alongside** those in need of the Gospel. (v29-34)
5. The sharing, receiving and living out the gospel is produced through the power of **God's Spirit** and will, not our will power. (Pr 16:9, 19:21, Phil 2:12-13, Ro 1:16)
6. God's grace is **undeserved favor** and is not **redeemed** by race, religion, vocation or volition. (Acts 10:34, Deut 23:1)
7. Redemption is not contingent upon how far **your repentance** must reach, but how far reaching and **abundant** God's grace is. (v27, Ro 5:20, Ps 68:31, 1Kings 8:41-43, 2 Cor 7:10, 2 Tim 2:25)
8. We voluntarily castrate ourselves by living and dying for any authority **other than Christ**. Castration is the mutilation of God's perfect creation in an effort to **repurpose** God's plan to fulfill man's plan.

9. The conversion the Gospel brings is not to **remove** the season we are living in, but to revive the **reason** for which we are living. (v39-40)

10. The power of God's Spirit will draw us to the point we are **spiritually affected** by His life changing love giving us a new purpose and perspective. (v39, Isa 56:3-5)

Do you have an appointment? Pray to God. Talk to someone!



Growing

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Read Acts 8:26 - 40

1. Sharing the Gospel is not always convenient, easy or comfortable. Where must our eyes fall to believe this is true? How will it shape what we share about the Gospel? How will it help us to move beyond being comfortable? (Luke 9:21-25)
2. By looking at Philip's example (beginning in Acts 6:3 on through Acts 8:40) what role did prominence play (and whose) in giving him credibility as one who could explain the scriptures. What role did prominence play (and whose) in where the eunuch found himself in life up to this point and in search of scriptural truth? (Mt 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Psalm 68:31)
3. When sharing the gospel, besides knowledge, what qualifies us and give our witness credibility? (Prv 12:14, Mt 7:18, 1Pt 2:5-10). Discuss people's perceptions of good and bad fruit. Read Col 1:3-12 and identify the seed of Spiritual fruit and how to grow it. Reading Leviticus 26:1-6, Psalm 1:3 and Hosea 9:10 then discuss the cultivating of Spiritual fruit.
4. Redemption is not contingent upon how far your repentance must reach, but how far reaching and abundant God's grace is. Read Romans 5:8 & 20 and 1Kings 8:41- 43 and then discuss.
5. Jonathan Edwards said, "The first effect of the power of God in the regenerated heart is to give the heart a divine taste or sense; to cause it to have a relish of the loveliness and sweetness of the supreme Excellency of the divine nature." If the power of God's Spirit through the gospel draws us to the point we are spiritually affected, what does that mean and how will it change our outlook of our past, present and future?

Pray that when it comes to God's Word, you would "understand what you are reading" (Acts 8:30), the through His spirit you would be spiritually affected and you would "go on your way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39)